

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

30 January 1967

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
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1. On 26 January 1967, Subject [REDACTED] who is assigned as a 25X1A9a
Courier to Central Processing Division/Office of Personnel, con-
tacted EAB to report an incident of possible interest to the
Agency.

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2. Subject [REDACTED] advised that in the normal course of his
duties, he contacts various airline offices in downtown Washington,
D. C. for the purpose of picking up plane reservations and tickets
for Agency personnel. Although he actually is an overt employee,
[REDACTED] has been provided a [REDACTED] backstop story with a tele-
phone number located in the Central Processing Division for use in
the event of any emergency. He is known at some airline offices as
CIA, and to some employees within the airline offices as DAC.

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3. Recently, Subject [REDACTED] went to the American Airlines
Office in Washington, D. C. to transact some official business and
he was asked to enter in an American Airlines paper plane contest.
He was furnished a piece of paper and told to make the appropriate
folds to create his idea of an airplane. He did so purely as a
lark with no intention of becoming involved in any way. On 25
January 1967, the Subject received a telegram at his home address
from American Airlines advising him that his entry had won the
American Airlines paper plane contest in Washington, D. C. (A
copy of the telegram is attached) The telegram requested him to
contact an official at the American Airlines Office for the purpose
of furnishing his first name and initial for inscription on the
winning plaque. The Subject did contact American Airlines and
learned that they also wanted a photo of him for use in the local
press. He stalled them on that point and stated he would check
back with them.

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4. On 26 January 1967, there appeared in the Washington Daily
News a photograph of an American Airlines official of the contest
judges publicizing the plane contest. The photograph caption made
reference to Subject [REDACTED] as the winner of a local contest and
included some other minor human interest details. A copy of the
Washington Daily news item is attached.

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5. On 26 January 1967, I contacted [REDACTED] Chief, Central Processing Division to determine who much further the contest publicity would spread. We discussed the matter of [REDACTED] being identified in the press as a CIA employee and [REDACTED] suggested that perhaps it would be well to request Central Cover Division to provide Subject [REDACTED] some sort of a [REDACTED] specifically for this purpose. I told [REDACTED] that under no circumstances should the Subject's open Agency employment affiliation be disclosed. Later, [REDACTED] advised me that Central Cover Division was reluctant to furnish a [REDACTED] to the Subject in this situation.

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6. On 27 January 1967, [REDACTED] contacted the American Airlines Office in Washington, D. C. and discussed this matter with a cleared contact. It was learned that the story of Subject [REDACTED] winning the Washington contest would be disseminated to every American Airlines office in the country. Thereafter, each American Airlines office would release a story to the local press in each community. Thereupon, [REDACTED] arranged for the procurement of [REDACTED] through Central Cover Staff and provided same to his American Airlines contact with instruction that if Subject [REDACTED] employment identity must be used, then the [REDACTED] employment would be shown. Further, since Subject [REDACTED] presently attends Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D. C., [REDACTED] requested his American Airlines contact to use the Subject's student status wherever possible in the course of the contact publicity. [REDACTED] advised me that his American Airlines contact assured him that under no circumstances would Subject [REDACTED] CIA employment affiliation be revealed. It appears that no further action by EAB is called for in this situation, and hopefully the news value of this matter will be short-lived.

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7. It should be pointed out that on 26 January 1967, Subject [REDACTED] father received a telephone call from a Washington Daily News representative who requested information about the Subject's employment and tried to make arrangements to take a photograph of the Subject. The Subject's father was able to handle the press representative without disclosing any information whatsoever.

8. No further action is contemplated and this is submitted for record purposes.

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Attachments:

as stated above

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